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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 19th, 1877.

MANY-FOURED RAINBOW is often responsible for a great deal of needless agitation and alarm. It is difficult, indeed, to get at the origin of some reports which are accepted as gospel; and it is equally surprising to note how many reports in course of time assume the appearance of truth. Stories that originally had no foundation, or a very slender one, grow by repetition into a well-known fact.

Nearly every soul in the Colony has during the past few days fully believed that His Excellency the Governor was in favour of the abolition of the night-patrol system, and considerable uneasiness and agitation had resulted in consequence. The matter has formed the topic of conversation at almost every dinner table, has been more or less discussed in every place where residents assemble whether for business or recreation, and has been well ventilated in the columns

of the Press. So important was the apprehension that it was in connection with the publicity that most of the foreign residents not possessing such weapons were about to invest in revolvers for their protection. And after all, the alarm turns out to be perfectly unfounded. The cry of "wolf" has been raised, and the danger was altogether imaginary, so far, at least, as the night-patrol system is concerned. His Excellency has never, we understand, had the remotest idea of abolishing, curtailing, or altering the night-patrol system, and is strongly convinced of the importance of maintaining it intact. He is, moreover, of opinion that the Colony owes its great immunity from serious crime almost entirely to this system. This announcement will, we trust, scatter the apprehensions which the rumour to the contrary had rationally aroused. How the rumour arose we are unable positively to say; but it was in many mouths when we heard it. Probably it originated out of the postponement of the execution of the sentences of flogging passed on some prisoners the other day, and the report that His Excellency is disposed to advocate the repeal of this punishment. It will turn out, perhaps, eventually that he is merely desirous to limit its infliction to cases of a serious character where violence has been used. At all events, it will be a relief to the community to know that passes and lights will still have to be carried at night by natives, and that the public streets will consequently continue to be safe to European pedestrians after dark.

This Router's telegram, published in another column contains little of importance beyond the announcement that the Russians have determined to cross the Danube at Nikolai, or (as it is better known) Nicolopol. This is a town with a population of some ten thousand, situated in Bulgaria, about fifty miles west of Ruse. It is a town of some importance, and is situated on a range of hills above a bay of the Danube and surrounded by ramparts mounted with cannon. It is further defended by an ancient castle. These defences are, however, not to be relied upon much, not being adapted, we believe, to oppose much resistance to modern artillery. The town, generally speaking, is poorly built, but possesses a few large houses and some handsome mosques. Whatever its former commercial importance, it is now a decaying town. It is chiefly memorable for the great battle fought in its vicinity in September, 1876, between the Ottoman army under BAKIR and that of the Hungarians and their allies under STANISLAW, when the latter were signally defeated by the Turks. The Turkish troops will no doubt call to mind this ancient victory, and endeavour to emulate it when the Muscovite army attempts to cross the river. The Russian commander doubtless has some good reason for selecting this point for the passage of the Danube. Possibly it is nearest to the most easily traversed of the passes over the Balkans, or perhaps it offers facilities not possessed by other towns or villages on the river. Wherever the Russians make the attempt, however, the Turks are sure to oppose an obstinate resistance.

Her Majesty's garrison *Harit and Moorhans* to Aberdeen Dock yesterday.

The American schooner *Rabbits Fish* arrived yesterday and left again for Macao.

The steamer *Levin* ran down a steamship off the Canton Wharf yesterday. No lives were lost, but compensation is demanded for the damage done.

The entertainment given in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening was largely attended, and was interesting and successful, as these entertainments usually are.

The report of the provisional committee of the proposed Steam Laundry Company has been issued. The plans and estimates having been approved, the committee have been authorized to proceed to the formation of the company, and the committee have been authorized to proceed to the formation of the company, and the committee have been authorized to proceed to the formation of the company.

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William Taylor, a cook, was charged with 25 counts for lighting with one John Harvey, a seaman on board the British bark *Alma*. The case was adjourned to the 25th inst.

Guillotine *John* was charged on board the American bark *J. D. Pater*, was fined 25 cents for getting drunk and wandering along the streets pulling people about.

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